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TORIES ON THE ANXIOUS SEAT.

The announcement that certain Irish members of Parliament are, when that body meets, to have charges preferred against them for expressing sympathy with the Boers and disapproval of the Government's policy and acts in the Transvaal question, is significant when the meaning and effect is understood. When such charges are preferred against a member of Parliament he is deprived of voice and vote in Parliament pending the charges. Therefore, if those Irish members are so charged they will be silenced, and their anticipated opposition to approving the position and acts of the British Government and voting authority and money to carry on the war in the Transvaal averted. It certainly can not be that such drastic measures are to be resorted to because the Government fears the opposition of the Irish members—about one-twentieth of the membership of Parliament—if the English people of all parties are united and enthusiastic for war, as is reported from London, for the Irish minority in Parliament, being so small, could make no effective opposition, nor even delay action if the majority are united and enforce the rules.

But despite reports, the English people of all parties are not united in approval of the Government policy in the Transvaal. As a matter of fact, the whole foreign and colonial policy of the Salisbury Government is and has been disapproved and condemned by Liberals and Unionists, several of their leaders having publicly condemned the Government's course in the Transvaal as well. If the Irish members are silenced when Parliament meets, it can be only for the purpose of preventing them from formulating embarrassing questions, raising points and opening the way for debate, which may result in a unifying of the opposition upon some basis to compel the Government to modify, if not materially change, its foreign and colonial policy.

In any event, there would be delay of approval of the policy and acts thus far of the Government, and in granting the authority and money needed to prosecute the war, while a general debate of the question would result in embarrassment and humiliation of the Tory Ministry, already on the defensive on its foreign policy, and place the party in an unpromising position for the political campaign in Great Britain, already deferred, and which can not be deferred much longer. Then it is possible, though not probable, that Parliament and the Government may so far fail to agree as to cause the proroguing of Parliament and the reference of the issue to the people in an election for a new Parliament—a test of popular sentiment which the Tory leaders dread, have avoided by postponing the Parliamentary election expected last spring, and will do their utmost to avert now.

But politics is politics the world over, in England as well as elsewhere, and the opposition parties in England are at least united in their disapproval of the foreign and colonial policy of the Government, and are anxious and will doubtless seek to embarrass the party in power as much as possible on the very issue in which it is weakest and most vulnerable, and avail themselves of every opportunity to force an appeal to the people in a general Parliamentary election, hoping to overthrow the Tory party

and gain control of the affairs of Government.

The Liberal and Unionist leaders and press have not hesitated to criticise and condemn the Government course in this matter, now that the Irish leaders and press, which rarely devote much attention to questions not directly affecting their own country, are adding their protests, indicate a uniting of opposition parties against the Tory Government in Parliament when it meets in special session to consider the Transvaal question. That the meeting of Parliament is regarded with apprehension by the Government is apparent from the anxiety of the Tory leaders and press, their appeals to the patriotism of the people, the business interests, and finally the threats against those known or thought to be opposed to the position of the Government, as revealed in the case of the Irish members.

The proceedings of Parliament will be watched closely, and until its action is known the tension of anxiety bordering upon nervousness in all branches of trade, as well as politically, will continue in England. Should the action of Parliament be adverse, an appeal to the people will put the English Government to the test of a crisis the most trying in its history.

There is an Irish corps of 250 in the Boer army, despite the denial from London. This corps is part of the army which last week crossed into Natal by way of Laings Nek, captured Newcastle and were chasing the English troops in the direction of Dundee, when the wires were cut by the Boers, or the British censor stopped the report of the war news. There are also in the Boer and Free State armies one Holland and two German corps; in fact, it seems that what England dreaded has come to pass. She will have to fight not only the Boers, but the entire white population (English excepted) of South Africa, including those in her old colony of Cape Town, instead of using them as allies and "volunteer regiments," as heretofore. Her troops in South Africa are everywhere on the defensive, being forced to abandon advanced positions and striving to concentrate and hold out till reinforcements arrive from England, India and elsewhere. Already 90,000 men have been ordered to South Africa and are being rushed as fast as transports can be obtained.

In the heat of the campaign it is being quietly charged that Mr. John Marshall, candidate for Lieutenant Governor on the Republican ticket, is a member of an anti-Irish and anti-Catholic organization. Were this true we would have warned our readers, as we are opposed to, and believe all Irish-Americans should oppose, any one approving of bigotry and proscription, no matter what ticket he may be on. But it is not true. Mr. John Marshall is not one of the Know-Nothing Marshalls, and to vote against him on that ground is a gross injustice to him, as he is a gentleman of liberal views, fully respecting all creeds and nationalities; besides the only members of his political party who oppose him are the "No Irish need apply," "No Popery" element, who were knocked out by his nomination, and wish him defeated because he is not one of them.

Some time ago it was charged that American soldiers had plundered and desecrated Catholic churches in the Philippines, and naturally provoked severe condem-

nation by press and people in this country. Rev. Father Reany, chaplain of the Olympia, in an interview in Boston, emphatically denies the charge, and says that the churches were sacked by Filipinos and Chinese, who stole or destroyed everything of value. It has also developed that the dispatch (?) charging American soldiers with this vandalism, though dated Manila, really originated in the office of a sensational New York "yellow journal."

Old Kentucky never had a political campaign to develop so many liars—that is based on the epithets applied to their opponents by the respective candidates, their adherents and organs. The campaign, however, will be a good thing for the State, as she is having what she has long needed—a political shaking up, arousing her people, and by discussion of public affairs from opposing parties forcing them to think before they vote. There has been too much of blind partisanship in this State.

Col. Mike Muldoon's name for Park Commissioner will be on the Brown ticket. Put your X after his name, no matter whom you vote for otherwise. The arbitrary and inconsistent action of that Democratic committee deserve rebuke, and Colonel Muldoon should be vindicated by being elected in spite of them.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians have reason to feel proud of their national executive officer, and the brothers of this city will be glad to learn that an effort will be made to have him again visit Louisville in the near future.

We congratulate the Elks upon the success of their fall carnival and fair. They deserve the highest praise for their enterprise and public spirit.

The Kentucky Irish American congratulates itself for the part it played in bringing Hon. John Keating to Louisville.

A COMING MAN.

Young Irish-American Who Is Pushing to the Front Rapidly.

Hon. James K. McGuire, though only thirty-one years of age, has been nominated for a third term for Mayor of Syracuse, N. Y.

Mr. McGuire was born in New York city July 12, 1868. His parents removed to Syracuse when he was a child. He attended the Christian Brothers' school and, arose before dawn in those days to distribute papers over his long route. He left school before finishing the course and went to work. He drifted from position to position, always with the desire to better himself; he sold papers, candy and fruit upon trains between Syracuse and Albany, sorted raisins and nuts for a candy maker, worked in shops and factories; but all the time, under the careful guidance of his mother, his evenings were spent at home and what few pennies could be spared were used to purchase books. His mother endeavored to impress upon his youthful mind the importance of an education.

When he was twenty he refused a nomination for a member of Assembly. About that time he became quite prominent in local politics. He was sent to several local conventions, and each year his interest in local politics grew apace. In 1892 he stumped Illinois, Indiana and Ohio for the Democratic candidate for President. He has made speeches, handling many themes, in many States.

In 1895, when only twenty-seven, Mr. McGuire was elected Mayor of Syracuse. During his first term he made many improvements and a good record, which re-elected him in 1897.

In 1896 he married Frances Gertrude McGuire, of Port Jervis. He has two children, Gertrude and Mary. He is very fond of children and has given picnics and dinners for their entertainment. He belongs to innumerable societies, which is something he is very proud of. A year ago he was prominently mentioned as a candidate for Governor and entered the Democratic State convention, but was unsuccessful. He is now a prominent figure in Democratic State politics.

ELKS FAIR.

The Most Successful Carnival Will Come to a Close Tonight.

The Elks' fair and carnival comes to a close tonight, after having met with the greatest success, which was contributed to in a large degree by our Irish-American citizens. Each succeeding day witnessed a larger attendance than its predecessor, and the undertaking received the approval of the entire community. The business public profited by it, as did Louisville Lodge of Elks, and they are to be congratulated upon the handsome sum realized for their new home.



Miss Josie Sullivan has returned from a delightful Eastern trip.

Miss Mayme Ganter, of Glasgow, has been visiting friends here this week.

Miss Hattie Cleveland, of Jersey City, is visiting Miss Mary Byrne on Second street.

Miss Lizzie Reis and William Boes, of Clifton, will be united in marriage next month.

Miss Fleming, of Midway, will be the guest of friends here during the balance of October.

Miss Kate Nunnally is visiting friends in Middlesboro, where she will remain for some time.

Col. Thomas Shea and wife, of Westport, were here for a few days this week visiting friends.

Miss Maggie Martin returned to her home in Midway, after a week's visit with friends here.

Miss Ella Mae Rankin arrived home this week after an extended visit with friends in the East.

Miss Clara Cisell arrived Monday from Taylorsville for the purpose of visiting her father in this city.

Miss Jessie Lees has returned to her home at Cannelton, Ind., after a brief visit with friends here.

Mrs. Steve Wickham has returned from Taylorsville, after a pleasant visit with her son, J. T. Wickham.

Mrs. Anna S. Levi spent several days in the city this week visiting relatives and "doing" the carnival.

Mr. and Mrs. James McKenna, of Fairfield, have been the guests of Mr. Charles White, West Jefferson street.

Miss Ella O'Donnell, a Chicago society favorite, is the guest of Miss Mary Byrne at her home on Second street.

Misses Marguerite and Catherine Carroll, of Montgomery, Ala., were this week the guests of Miss Matilda Hollenkamp.

Charles McCarthy was this week the guest of his sister, Mrs. Patrick Tracy, of Jeffersonville. He came from Chicago.

Misses Kate Tracy and Anna Coleman have returned from Chicago, Ill., and Whiting, Ind., where they visited relatives.

Miss Mary Bryan, who was here to attend the wedding of Miss Kate Castleman, has returned to her home in Lexington.

Miss Florence J. Lynch returned this week after a long and pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. Mariana L. Moore, of Howard, Ky.

The marriage of Jeff Murphy and Miss Kate Doyle, well known young people of Covington, is announced to take place in the near future.

Miss Hannah McGuire, who fell from a bicycle while riding in Jeffersonville and sprained her arm, is reported as not seriously injured.

Miss Mary Lafon will return to the city next week, after spending the summer in the country, and will be at the Galt House for the winter.

Misses Mary and Stella Hisey, who spent the past week visiting Mrs. G. Murphy in Jeffersonville, have returned to their home in Corydon.

Miss Mamie Veager, of Flat Lick, one of this week's most charming visitors, was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Keyer, who entertained handsomely in her honor.

Misses Marie and Lucille Smith, two pretty Bardstown girls, have returned home after spending several days with Miss Nell Sexton and attending the Elks' carnival.

Joel O'Neill has just returned from Elizabethtown, Ky., where he has been visiting for the last two weeks as a guest of his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Dant, of that place.

Misses Rosa and Sadie W. Corcoran, of Logansport, Ind., were here this past week as visitors to the carnival. During their stay they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Thurman.

Charles Tully left last Monday for Chicago, where he will take a position with his brother, who has charge of a large printing establishment in that city. He has the best wishes for success from his many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Smith will arrive home from their bridal trip either tonight or tomorrow morning. During their absence they have been visiting in Chicago and Omaha. They will be at home to their friends at 2435 West Madison street.

Miss Adele Stone, of Indianapolis, who has been spending the week with the Misses Sexton on Oldham street, is one of the Hoosier capital's most attractive young ladies. She was the guest of honor of a large party that attended the Carnival Irish-American day.

The friends of Mrs. J. J. Reilly will be glad to learn that there is a decided improvement in her condition. She has been confined to her home at Twenty-

fifth and Market streets for the past six weeks, during which time her illness was regarded as very serious.

Miss Mel Craig and Conway Samuels were united in marriage at St. Augustin's rectory, Jeffersonville, Thursday evening, Rev. Father Cronin performing the ceremony. They are both well known and their large number of friends have kept them busy receiving congratulations.

Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Miss Margaret Medinger, an attractive and highly accomplished young lady of the East End, and Joseph C. Kissel, a well-known young German-American. The ceremony will be solemnized at St. Boniface church next Thursday morning.

The marriage of Joseph Rueve and Miss Valentine Schuster will be celebrated at St. Martin's church on Wednesday evening next. They are both well-known and popular in German social circles, but owing to a recent death in the bride's family the wedding will be a quiet one. Miss Dora Metten and Mr. Schuster will be the attendants.

Mr. Emory Smith escorted a charming party to the Elks' carnival Irish-American day, where they spent a most enjoyable evening. The party included Misses Marie and Lucille Smith, of Bardstown; Adele Stone, of Bedford, Ind.; Nell and Mayme Sexton, and Corinne Margine, of Indianapolis; Messrs. Emory Smith and Joe Margine.

Miss Nora Maloney and John Maloney were this week united in marriage by Rev. Father O'Grady at St. Aloysius' church. The bride is an accomplished young lady and very popular, being a favorite in social circles. Mr. Maloney, who is a well-known Irish-American, holds the position of foreman with the Louisville Packing Company. The host of friends of the happy pair unite in wishing them a pleasant voyage through life.

DEATH OF MRS. ELLEN LYNCH.

The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Lynch took place from St. Louis Bertrand's church last Monday morning with a requiem mass at 9 o'clock. Father Flood delivered a short but touching sermon, paying several beautiful tributes to the deceased's good qualities. She was buried in St. Louis cemetery.

FATHER LOGAN FOR PROVINCIAL.

It has been rumored lately, but not officially verified, that Rev. Father Logan will be promoted to Provincial of the Dominican Order in this country. Father Logan has the best wishes of every member of his parish and other parishes in this city that it may be confirmed, as they know he would make a very capable and successful Provincial.

SHOWER OF METEORITES.

On the night of November 14 will occur one of the greatest natural spectacles ever afforded by the heavens to the view of man. This spectacle is the great fall of meteorites known as the Leonids. It occurs only once in thirty-three years. Two thousand millions of miles of meteors will then flash past the earth. The meteorites, touching the atmosphere of the earth, become ignited by the rapidity of their flight. Countless millions of them will fall, and they will appear red, white, orange, green and all the colors of the rainbow. The fact that they ignite and dissolve on contact with the atmosphere is all that saves the earth from destruction. It has been only within this century that astronomers have discovered the cause of the great November meteoric showers, and only since Tempel found that the Leonids are fragments of a former comet have astronomers been assured of their periodicity. The single meteorite which makes when it strikes the earth's atmosphere the so-called "shooting star" is only a mere tramp in the heavens. It is a detached fragment of some shattered planet, and it wanders more or less through space until it comes within the circle of attraction of some larger body, when gravity causes it to fall. But the comet is a creature of the skies and more to be reckoned with. Erratic as its course may seem, it pursues a definite course among the more regular orbits of the stars. The length of the orbit which it travels varies from the comparatively small distance of a few hundred millions of miles to one which reaches into the thousands of billions. The Leonids whose grandeur will be visible next month are the fragments of a former comet. Today they are following the course pursued by that comet in bygone ages. Reckoned by the figures of the heavens the Leonids are but infants, having separated from the parent body only thirty-three hundred years ago. The mind is dazzled at the mountains of numbers hurled with greatest ease and simplicity by scientific men in their computation of astronomical bodies' orbits distances and periods. The display will be visible about 1 a. m. on November 15, continuing during the days and nights of the 16th and 17th, gradually diminishing in numbers and brilliancy till all will have disappeared not to return again till thirty-three years hence.

Londoners are much exercised over the reported outrages upon women and children that are reaching the English papers since war has been declared between the Transvaal and Great Britain. England knows well how to inflict most brutal outrages upon her enemies; no country excels Great Britain in cruelty in time of war. Are not the English prepared to take a dose of their own medicine? What is war at its best but brutality and ruffianism—the innocent and the weak must always suffer for the offenses of the strong and lusty.



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